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INFORM CONSULS

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SUBJECT: CONSULAR INTERVIEWS OF INDOCHINA EVACUEES
INFORM CONSULS

1. INSPITE OF INSTRUCTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN ISSUED NOT TO
PERMIT UNDOCUMENTED VIETNAMESE TO BOARD U.S. CARRIERS,
SOME U.S. AIRCRAFT WILL ARRIVE AT ASIAN PORTS OF ENTRY,
PARTICULARLY MILITARY BASES SUCH AS CLARK AFB, TACHIKAWA
AFB, AND UTAPAO RTAFB, WITH UNAUTHORIZED PASSENGERS.
CONSULAR OFFICES, UPON NOTIFICATION, SHOULD DISPATCH A
CONSULAR OFFICER TO INTERVIEW SUCH PASSENGERS TO DETERMINE
WHETHER THE PASSENGER HAS A POSSIBLE CLAIM TO DOCUMENTATION
AS IMMIGRANT OR AS A REFUGEE UNDER THE UN CONVENTION OR
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U.S. LAW. IF THERE IS INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO DOCUMENT

PASSENGER AS AN IMMIGRANT, OR ESTABLISH STATUS AS A REFUGEE, THE INDIVIDUAL SHOULD BE CONSIDERED THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE HOST COUNTRY. IN THIS LATTER EVENT, EMBASSY SHOULD REASSURE HOST GOVERNMENT THAT USG WILL INSURE THAT SUCH UNAUTHORIZED PASSENGERS ARE RETURNED TO POINT OF ORIGIN. IF THERE IS ANYONE WHO FALLS IN THIS LATTER CATEGORY, NO ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN IN ACTUALLY RETURNING SAID PASSENGER PENDING FURTHER ADVICE FROM DEPARTMENT.

2. INFORM DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY OF ARRIVAL POTENTIAL IV RECIPIENTS WITH RELEVANT DETAILS, LOGISTIC PROBLEMS, AND STATUS IN HOST COUNTRY.

3. IN THE EVENT EVACUEE QUALIFIES AS AN IMMIGRANT, CONSULAR OFFICER SHOULD PROCEED WITH NOTIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL IN THE U.S. AND CO-DOCUMENTATION PROCESS. KISSINGER

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